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The Pastor Speaks

One of our great Psalms read, "Cast thy burden on the Lord." In this we see the concern of God for lonely man. This is one of the reasons the Bible calls God, "Father". The Father bears the burdens of his children. God is interested in the welfare of His children.

Every person has burdens. The older we grow the more responsibilities we have, and perhaps heavier the load. Sickness, bereavement, troubles, problems and heart aches come. These are crushing when massed together.

Let us look at three of the most common burdens of life and seek the solution to them:

(1) The burden of sin.

This burden takes the joy out of life; it destroys the romance of life; it embitters our outlook and makes recollection painful. The only cure for the burden of sin is to hand it over to the Lord. If, like the Cross of Jesus, is too heavy for us to carry.

(2) The burden of grief.

In every life sorrow comes. With this burden our dreams are shattered and loneliness sets in. Now grief can be borne alone -- thousands do it. But the beauty of the Gospel is that this burden, too, can be cast on the Lord. In hours of grief, God will show forth His love and power if we will let him do it. Remember, Jesus knew the meaning of sorrow -- "Jesus wept". When the burden of grief is cast on the Lord, our tombstones are transferred into milestones.

(3) The burden of the future.

We must consider not only life beyond the grave, but the years ahead. Every thousyears that lie ahead. Every thoughtful person asks himself, "What is in store for me in the years ahead?" Much worry comes from brooding over what will happen to us. Jesus reminds us in the Sermon on the Mount that it is wrong to destroy today's happiness by anxiety over tomorrow. We must trust the future to God for the God of Love will protect His children; the God of wisdom will guide our steps. "Cast your burden on the Lord and leave it there."

J. J. Bowman, Interim Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

WHO NEEDS THE CHURCH?

Lesson for March 26, 1972

Background Scripture: Romans 12:1-5; Ephesians 4:4-8; I Corinthians 12.

Devotional Reading: Romans 12:3-13

The saying is so old, yet we still hear it today: "Who needs the Church? I can be Christian without it!"

Whatever basis there may be for such a statement, it is certainly not biblical. Nowhere is this more explicit than in I Corinthians 12. We cannot be solitary Christians, says Paul, because we are all one in Christ's Body. What does he mean?

One In The Spirit

First, Paul says, our differences as individuals are overcome by presence of one Spirit within all of us. Regardless of how different we may be in nationality, race, language, culture, class, or personality, the commonality of God's Spirit within each of us is more significant. We have much to separate us, but even more to bring us together.

Secondly, if we are followers of Jesus Christ, we are part of His Body. To be linked with Christ in commitment means to be linked with other Christians. Becoming part of the Body of Christ is not an additional step beyond becoming a Christian; it is the same thing. "If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body" (12:15). If a person does not recognize that he is a part of the Church, that does not make him any less a part of it.

Not only does the Church need us, be we need each other too. "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have not need of you . . ." (12:21). Actually, the eye can say it, but it simply isn't true. The eye and the hand are dependent upon each other. That same kind of need is at the heart of relationships between people, too. We need each other because we all have gifts that can help the other person. God made us like that and he is simply calling us to recognize that it is so.

God Only Knows!

Paul goes on to say that we are not wise enough to pick and choose who we will be one with in the Lord. Some parts of Christ's Body may seem of little value to us, but God alone can judge this and very often the part we think insignificant is the most vital. Despite appearances, we all need each other.

"Now you are the body of Christ . . ." (12:27). No longer does the physical body of Jesus house the Spirit. That Spirit lives and works in the world today through us as the Body of Christ.

Who needs the Church? . . . besides Christ, and me, and you?

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New Advisor Named By Southside Elec.

Mrs. Betty Douglass

Announcement was made today by C. S. Hooper, Jr., Manager of the Southside Electric Cooperative of the appointment of Mrs. Betty Douglass, of Portsmouth, as a new Home Service Advisor for the system's home service department.

At the same time, Mrs. Mavis Gibbs, who has been the Home Service Advisor at SEC for the past six years, will become a "consultant" for the department.

With the arrival of Mrs. Douglass, the home economists team for SEC will be increased to three, with Mrs. Candice Dowdy who has been with SEC for the past three years.

Mrs. Douglass comes to SEC after 14 years as the director of Home Economics for the Giant Open Air Markets in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Richmond.

She and her husband, Alanson T. Douglass will make their home in Crewe along with their daughter, Elizabeth Carol Douglass. Mrs. Douglass is a native of Ohio where she attended Ohio Wesleyan University and later received a degree in home economics from Ohio State Uni.

She is a former president of the Portsmouth Soroptimist service club. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. She is listed in the 1968 edition of "Who's Who of American Women".

INTEREST RATE BEING LOWERED ON FARM STORAGE AND DRYING EQUIPMENT LOANS

The loan interest rate in the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Storage and Drying Equipment Loan Program is being lowered to 46 cents per $100 or fraction thereof per month, or to approx 1/2 per cent annual partment announced. This represents a from 50 cents per hu tion thereof, or f nually. Lower ra of CCC makes it possible er the interest ra USDA officials said.

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TOWN COUNCIL REVIEWS NEEDS

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rangments.

Appomattox now is 18th on the FHA state's funding list and thus far has been listed for a $180,000 request. Mayor Pack said that with the new applications being submitted, it is hoped that this sum will be considerably higher to allow for expanded water and sewage facilities.

Other expenditures for the fire department were approved including a grease gun for the fire truck.

Councilman Burke Guill read to the council the notice of the public hearing for the Court Street Location and Design Hearing set for Tues., April 11. The town of Appomattox is involved in this project, both because of its location and because of the location of water and sewer lines located in that area.

NATIONAL FHA WEEK

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The year began with a program planning meeting in August at which time programs and activities were planned.

In September the officers gave a tea to welcome new members, also reports were made by members who had attended the state convention and FFA-FHA Camp at Smithfield, Va. This month the club participated in the Five County Fair, exhibit and dress revue.

For the December program, some of the members presented a skit entitled "The Littlest Angle".

A panel on dating problems was conducted for the January meeting. Each member participated by asking questions.

A group from Evergreen Community did a musical program for February entitled "What's it all about Anyhow".

For March, a joint meeting was held with the Future Farmers, at which time slides were shown on FFA-FHA Camp activities. This was of much interest to the members as they had been attending camp at the time the slides were made.

Our April meeting will be concerned with "Preparedness they key to Opportunity" using persons from various fields to tell how one should prepare thqueselves for professions.

The May meeting will be the installation of new officers.

Each year the Welfare Committee plans activities which help our neighbors. This year we selected a rest home. Visits were made and gifts taken to the patients.

Shut-ins in the Community have been visited and fruits baskets taken to them.

A party was given for the orphans at the Miller Home in Lynchburg, Va.

A banquet is held each year at which time mothers of the future homemakers are honored. Outstanding achievement of the members are recognized at this time.

Through our programs and activities, each member has had a chance to participate.

Classified Ads Get Results

REGISTRATION FOR PRESCHOOLERS

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summer months is considered to be more appropriate for immunization against smallpox. This vaccination is required by state law of all children attending school. Those who have not received this immunization on or before the tenth day of the school year are excluded from attendance. Health Clinics sponsored by the County Health Department will be scheduled for those children who do not visit a private physician.

JAMERSON IS LOW BIDDER ON NEW COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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The school board said it has 120 days to consider bids from furniture and equipment suppliers.

J. E. Jamerson submitted a bid for the Vocational-Ag building in the amount of $966,016 with an alternate bid for the same building of $1,038,211. Lewis submitted a bid of $972,000 for the Vo-Ag Bldg. withan alternate bid of $1,087,000. Mottley's bid was $700,000 for the Vo-Ag Bldg. and $790,000 for an alternate bid.

REV. BERGDOLL BURNS NOTE

The Reverend Richard A. Bergdoll, who was minister of Memorial United Methodist Church when it was built in 1962 was accorded the honor Sunday morning of burning a note representing the end of all indebtedness for the church (more than $150,000.) Members of the building committee, dating back to 1962, and trustees stood with Mr. Bergdoll and the present minister, the Rev. A. L. Eastman for the ceremony.

Building committee members are Ivey Holland, C. T. Moses, Jr., John S. Grinels, Grover E. Smith, and Leroy Smith. R. A. Sears is chairman of the committee and led in the dedication response, together with Rev. J. W. Mast, District superintendent, of Lynchburg.

Harry Gordon held the bowl containing the note.

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ARMY RECRUITER IN APPOMATTOX

Staff Sergeant Ray Jennings arrived in Lynchburg February 22 to assume duties at the Army Recruiting Station Lynchburg, Va. Sergeant Jennings will be working in Appomattox County. He comes to his present post from an assignment at Fort Monmouth, N. J., where he served as a platoon sergeant.

Sgt. Jennings was graduated from Hillsville High School, Hillsville, Va. in 1965 and entered the Army that same year. In addition to Stateside posts, he has served two years in Vietnam.

Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal and the Vietnamese Service and Campaign Medals.

Sgt. Jennings and his wife, the former Fumiko Sakuri of Tokyo, Japan, are the parents of one child, Marie, aged 13.

He is a Master Mason of Masonic Lodge No. 193, Hillsville, Va. He received his 32nd degree Scottish Rite in Tronton New Jersey Nov. 1970. He is also a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No.1115 in Hillsville, Va.

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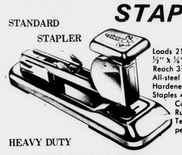

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SPORTS

By Billy Thompson

Pat Ferguson Wins Most Valuable Player Award

Pat Ferguson, a senior Raider, was awarded the Times-Virginian Trophy as the most valuable player for the 1971-72 girls basketball season. The award was made at a dinner meeting last night for the Raiderettes and Raiderettes' Coach Mrs. Martin given by the Jr. Woman's Club.

The most valuable player award is given to a senior each year and she is picked by teammates by a method of secret balloting.

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Pat Ferguson being presented the "Most Valuable Player" trophy by Billy Thompson for the Times-Virginian.

Banquet Given For ACHS Girl's Basketball Team

(Left to right): Mrs. Frances Avery, Chairman of the Banquet; Mrs. Louise Martin, Raiderette's Coach; Mrs. Sam Ferguson, III, President of the Jr. Woman's Club; and Miss Carolyn Hodges, Guest Speaker.

LETTER AND CERTIFICATE AWARDS PRESENTED TO PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS

(Left to right): Pat Book, Jane Hix, Connie Guill, Vicky Dickerson, Debbie Tweedy, Pat Ferguson, Debbie Rowe, Patty Kerr, Mary Louise McCraw, Sally Harvey, Virginia Beaty, Nan Chambers, and Kay Paulette. The presentations were made by Mrs. Louise Martin in center.

HENRY-PENNY H. D.

The Henry-Penny Home Demonstration Club met on March 15, with Mrs. Dorothy Turner as hostess.

Our President, Mrs. Martha Watkins called the meeting to order and after devotions, our business was discussed and carried out in tis usual manner.

The demonstration topic for this month is "Fun With Foreign Foods" Mrs. Turner cooked and served foods from France, China, and Sweden; such as green bean salad, egg roll, swee dish meatballs and almond cookies. After this demonstration fresh coconut layer cake and punch was served. Each member went home with a recipe and or ideas on serving foreign foods in our weekly menus.

We extend our sincere sympathy to one of our members.

Mrs. Mary West, whose father passed away Sunday.

Our April meeting will be with Mrs. Lacy Webb. An auction is being planned.

Mrs. W. D. Ferguson, Jr., reporter

WRECK ISLAND HD CLUB

Mrs. V. A. Staten was hostess to the Wreck Island Home Demonstration Club when it met at her home on March 15th at 11 a.m. for an all day meeting. There were seven members present.

Devotions and prayer were given by Mrs. Alice Thomas with a reading "Desorata" dated in 1692 at old St. John's Church in Baltimore, Md., author unknown.

Mrs. V. A. Staten president, presided at the business meeting. She read a letter from Mrs. Rebecca Johnson that District III Spring meeting will be held on Thursday at the John's Auditorium at Hampden Sydney College. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at $2.50 a plate. Several of our members plan to attend.

Members were asked to send information to Mrs. Florence Trent on histories of interesting spots in Appomattox County.

The Annual Fireman's Carnival will be held at Concord Elementary School on April 28th, beginning at 5 p.m.

Plate lunch will be $1.50 or $2.00 with two meats.

Members will donate pies and help serve.

The 1972 Year Books were filled out. The Homemaker's Creek was repeated.

A demonstration on Foreign Foods was given by Mrs. V. A. Staten who served "Chinese Egg Roll" (from China) with a filling of meats, vegetables, and seasonings.

Mrs. Rose Burnett made the Green Bean Salad (from France) consisting of green beans, chopped ingredients of tomato, pickle, parsley, onions, salad oil and seasonings.

After members had enjoyed their covered dish lunch, they worked on their "Heirloom Books".

The April meeting will meet on Wednesday April 19th at 1p.m. in the home of Mrs. Elsie Thornhill.

Mrs. Rebecca Johnson will demonstrate on how to make lingerie.

Mrs. Tilden Lee, Sec.

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